

IT IS AN IMMENSE HUMBING.

CAIRO IS NOT NEARLY WHAT IT HAS BEEN REPRESENTED TO BE.

There is Nothing but Dirt and Filth, and the Houses are in a Condition of Decay—How a Traveler Had a Fire Built in His Room by the Arabs.

Cairo, Dec. 21st, 1894.

To the Editor of the JOURNAL AND COURIER:—

Imagine a large ship moored in a broad channel. On one side is a queer looking town with new, flimsy houses. You are reminded a little of Coney Island; but the bright, ill-assorted colors are foreign and tasteless. On the other side are other ships, dredges, light-houses, piers projecting beyond the channel and out into the sea; stretches of water and sand reaching as far as the eye can follow. The sun is low down and will soon set. Shadows are long and are becoming strong. It is chilly and will soon be gloomy. You notice approaching the ship large, dark barges on which are standing rows and rows of motionless figures dressed in dark blue or black skirts. They are turbaned. Most of the turbans are also dark. A few are red and make a striking and pleasant contrast. Their faces are dark and their feet are a rich bronze. There are two columns of the barges, each being towed up along either side of the vessel. As they approach you see that they are laden with coal; and now you know that the ship is to be coaled. As soon as the barges are fast to the vessel's sides the rows spring into life as swarms of bees when disturbed. They flit; and as they flit they cry. Their cry is half howl, half yell; a yell in minor key. Above their cry is a stronger major cry which they recognize and obey. First off, in long lines of hundreds, they lift against the vessel's deck ponderous beams seventy or more feet long. By main strength they lift them higher and higher, shrieking more shrilly in unison as the height grows greater. Just so thousands of years ago they labored under Cheops at the pyramids. When the beams are in place they scamper up and down them like electric motes to see that they are firm and solidly placed. Then commences the work. Each one seizes a wicker basket already filled with coal, slings it on the back of his neck, trots up one beam with a step of zephyr lightness, empties his basket somewhere, and scurries down another beam, throwing his basket into a barge as he goes. One, two, three, endless chains of them, as close together as they can lock step on the beams. Clouds of coal dust arise at once, darkening the ship and all about it. At a distance you would think the vessel on fire, and that the smoke was about to burst into flame. Everything must be shut tight to keep the dust from saloon and cabins. Carpets have been rolled up and put away. Soon the air becomes suffocating. The fire dust cannot be kept out and beclouds the sight. If you rush on deck for relief you rush into still thicker atmosphere. You are traveling for pleasure, mind you. Not one hour, but six hours, the infernal torture continues. You wonder how creatures can stand the labor, for every basket must hold fifty pounds at least. When it grows dark iron cages are stood up holding burning coals. This adds to the smoke, but makes the coal devils visible and spurs them to make their sharp wail more inhuman. Finally when it seems as if every nerve and organ had suffered to the verge of collapse the din begins to diminish; the smoke rises. You struggle on deck through inches of soot to see the barges towed away into darkness with their loads of dark ghosts standing as upright and as still as when they approached. For days your clothes and the pores of your skin are full of it. May all good people be spared a coaling at Port Said!

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the canal; for all there is to be seen are high banks or wide stretches of sand. The vessel moves slowly, not over four miles an hour, for the banks are not far away and swift steaming would quickly bring them down. In about nine hours you are at Semalla, where you debark and take the rail for Cairo. Cairo is in many particulars an immense humbug. Where you live, shop and move about is European. The beggars are African; so is the dirt, the donkeys and the camels. Everything offered for sale you have seen before in Paris, New York, Saratoga and Newport; and at half the price. You recognize the same old shopkeepers and they pretend not to recognize you. The same old shawls, lace and embroideries are hung out in the same broken English remarks are made about them accompanied by the same gestures. The mosquitoes are imported. If you walk into the Arab quarter to see him in his native haunt you won't stay long. The smells and the beggars will soon drive you out. If you drive about where the Egyptian aristocrats are said to live you won't see a single house, or villa, in the slightest degree attractive. Succulent brick is the material. Everything is dirty, defaced, dilapidated. Garbage is tumbling down; garden gates are unhung; garden foliage uncared for. The inhabitants like things so and let them stay so. You are very soon driven back to the European quarter and stay there. It is neither Paris, London, Berlin nor Rome; but a miserable second-class hodge-podge of them all. Better, however, a week of a place of this kind than a month of the same capital. The hotels are filled with all sorts of people who apparently come to see one another and to provoke one another to wickedness. Why will people do dirty things and see dirty sights in Cairo? Change of locality doesn't make the thing less filthy. If a woman be without shame it is none the less shame to witness her nude posturing and more shame to witness her nude posturing. What is shameful in New Haven is equally shameful in Cairo. The shame is in the beholding. The fact that one or, nearly all, women, too, go to see such things is no excuse for the individual. Let him at least confess his desires frankly and be honest about it. Obligations are the same here as elsewhere and can neither be shirked nor altered. Man takes himself with him wherever he goes.

Its cold; about fifty-five degrees. When at midday the sun poured right down on the temperature the mercury went up to sixty degrees, but it takes an effort, and the point can only be held for an hour at the outside. The fire apartments are comical. The grate in this room holds about a handful of coal. It took three Arabs and two hours to start a fire yesterday. It stopped as soon as the Arabs stopped blowing. The dead coals are there still. The Arabs must have thought this chilly morning. No Arab is capable of two efforts within the same fortnight. He will squat on his haunches and wait a month for something to happen; but he won't extend a hand to grasp it. The race is hopeless and utterly weak against the civilization of the European.

Egypt, and especially Cairo, is just now enjoying a delicious bit of news. A short time ago a bounding boy baby appeared in that part of the royal palace which the Khedive alone may enter. According to Egyptian laws and usages which anti-date Moses and his bulrushes, the ma of the boy can claim not only that her boy be recognized as heir to the throne, but also that she herself be legally and religiously wedded to the Khedive and be crowned as queen. According to the very best authority the Khedive is quite willing, a thorough the Khedive is quite willing, a thorough having filled his seventy year old bosom. But now comes the rub. His ma, the royal mother, is an old-fashioned ma of the Bonaparte-Pentecostia, Maria Theresa and "Sally Jane" order, and has already pledged his hand, heart and throne to a daughter of the Sultan, who, pious young woman, has been constantly fed with the information that her plighted word was a very Sunday school story. A Dickey bird of the wicked ways of wicked Khedives. Imagine the shock to her tender virginity! Imagine the rage of her pa, the father of all the faithful; and try to imagine the frenzied ire of the royal mother! Egypt is with the lovers and the brat to a man. But Egypt is in the hands of foreigners, and all the signatory powers are bound to have a finger in so interesting and so delicate a matter. What will be the result? Will love triumph? Will diplomacy interfere and spoil things? Will the Sultan come on with his armies to uphold the imperiled honor and the assaulted rights of his darling daughter? How stands the American eagle? Have we representatives here for nothing? and so on. For sequel see our next.

All the world and his wife are here. Mr. Meredith Reid, of the "Tribune," and of many lesser things, is here representing his health and spirits. Secretary Whitney is here, and hundreds of others whose names flourish in social registers, but not in these pages. One has hired an entire steamboat for himself and suite and starts up the Nile in a day or two. How happy to be in the suite of an American millionaire! It requires the most skillful, the most constant and the most self-sacrificing of bodying. The American is now at Rockledge, Fla. The major and wife expect to remain until the first of March. They will be the guests at Rockledge of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Blakeslee, parents of the Messrs. Blakeslee. As to the orange crop of Mr. Blakeslee report is received that the late freeze has damaged the greater part of it. Only a small portion of it is marketable. Some of the smaller trees in and about Rockledge were ruined by the frost, but the opinion is that the greater part of them will be saved.

Office Critic—I don't see anything at all in this poem of Jones'. Editor—Of course not. I took the stamps out—Atlanta Constitution.

CONTRACTS WERE AWARDED

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH YESTERDAY.

A. N. Farnham Will Collect Garbage in the Western District and Andrew Holloran in the Eastern—Anti-Toxine Endorsed by the Board.

Anti-toxine, the recently discovered diphtheria remedy, received a thorough endorsement at the meeting of the board of health yesterday afternoon and will undoubtedly be generally used in cases of diphtheria in this city. At the meeting Mayor Hendrick presided and Commissioners O'Connor, Manning, Blake, Fleischner and McNeil were present.

At the last meeting of the board Health Officer Wright was instructed to go to New York and secure a quantity of anti-toxine and report at a subsequent meeting of the board. The health officer acted under instructions and yesterday made his report to the board. He strongly favored the new remedy, and said that in his opinion it would prove a very valuable adjunct to medical practice. He explained at length several cases in which he had used the new remedy and said that in his opinion two of the cases would have proved fatal had it not been for anti-toxine. In one case the remedy was applied three days after the patient had been taken sick, and in the other case five days after.

Health Officer Wright also said that he was so favorably impressed with the new remedy that he had secured a quantity of anti-toxine for use in his private practice, and would be glad to use it in all cases, provided the board would reimburse him for the actual cost of the material, he giving his services in cases where the patients were too poor to pay for it gratuitously. This proposition met with universal favor and the members of the board decided to adopt the suggestion of the health officer.

Accordingly the members of the board decided to instruct Health Officer Wright to use the anti-toxine in all cases of diphtheria, and in cases where the patient was unable to pay for the treatment the board of health would pay him for the actual cost of the material.

After the usual routine business had been transacted the members held an executive session and opened bids and awarded contracts for the collection of garbage during the present fiscal year. The contract commences February 1, 1895, and remains in force for one year. The contract for the eastern district was awarded to Andrew Holloran and for the western district to A. N. Farnham.

Walter S. Swayne had the latter contract during the past year. The following sealed proposals were received: Robert Dailey, west district, \$2,150; Edward Cunningham, west, \$4,000, east, \$1,000; A. N. Farnham, west, \$2,140; Lawrence Sullivan, west, \$4,000; Andrew Holloran, east, \$1,000; Patrick C. Brown, west, \$3,750; John McDermott, west, \$2,900; Patrick Galligan, west, \$4,499; William Brown, east, \$3,499. Although not the lowest bidder, Farnham and Holloran were awarded the contracts, the board of health reserving the right to reject any and all bids. In the cases of the two bidders who were lower than the successful bidders the explanation given as to the reason why they did not receive the contracts was that their specifications were too indefinite.

It was decided that no formal bid for the contract had been received from Walter S. Swayne, although a week ago he made a verbal proposition to the members of the board. At that time he was told to submit a bid, including plans and specifications, in writing to the board, but it is said that he failed to comply with this order, hence the members did not consider his name or proposition in connection with the contract.

"Tell me, my dear maestro, if you had your choice, which of the two would you prefer, to be blind or deaf?" "Dear, madam, when I am looking at you, and blind when I hear you sing."—Le Petit Meridional.

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